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1. TRAVEL POLICY WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS SOUGHT TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN TWO CATEGORIES OF OFFICIAL US PERSONNEL: A) OFFICIAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN WEST BERLIN AND FRG AND B) THOSE POSTED IN EAST BERLIN OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE THE FRG. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF GROUP (B) BETWEEN FRG AND WEST BERLIN OR BETWEEN THIRD COUNTRIES AND WEST BERLIN ON OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS SUBJECT TO GDR CONTROL. HOWEVER, TRAVEL BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FRG BY OFFICIAL US CIVILIAN OR MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN WEST BERLIN OR WEST GERMANY (GROUP A) SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO HELMSTED AUTOBAHN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, AT ANY RATE PENDING A FINAL REVIEW AND DECISION.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, THEREFORE, TO TRAVEL BY EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN

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AND FRG IN MANNER DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A BY USBER.

3. USBER SHOULD ISSUE TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO EE POSTS FOR USE BY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS ATTENDING WEST BERLIN CONFERENCE. USBER SHOULD CAUTION EE POSTS, HOWEVER, THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT YET PART OF AGREED ALLIED TRAVEL POLICY AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN COMING MONTHS. INGERSOLL

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